

SECRET TELEPOUCH

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1. ON 24 OCTOBER 1968 A SENIOR LNPURE OFFICER LEARNED IN
CONFIDENCE FROM [] THAT [] FELT THAT THE PRISONER EX-
CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ABOUT TO COLLAPSE. [] HAD BEEN AP-
PROACHED THREE TIMES BY THE SOVIETS--MOST RECENTLY IN SEPTEM-
BER 1968--ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET SPY FELFE. THE SOVIETS LET
[] KNOW THAT THEY WOULD CAUSE THE EAST GERMANS TO BREAK
OFF PRISONER RELEASES UNLESS THE WEST GERMANS REACHED A FAVOR-

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ABLE DECISION ABOUT FELFE'S RELEASE. C D WHO FEELS

STRONGLY THAT THE PRISONER ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE, AP-

PEALED TO CHANCELLOR KIESINGER TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET DEMAND.

KIESINER DECIDED, HOWEVER, TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONSISTING

LARGELY OF OFFICIALS CONCERNED PROFESSIONALLY WITH INTELLIGENCE

MATTERS TO EXAMINE THIS CASE. SINCE CATUSK AND OTHER INTELLI-

GENCE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE A PREDOMINATE INFLUENCE IN THIS

GROUP, C D IS CERTAIN THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE AGAINST

RELEASING FELFE. C D POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE ONLY

PRISONERS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION CONSIST OF A GROUP OF ABOUT

THIRTY-FIVE PEOPLE, MOST OF WHOM ARE CATUSK AGENTS.

2. THE LMPURE OFFICER DOES NOT PLAN TO REPORT THIS INFOR-

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MATION AND ASKED THAT WE DO NOTHING WITH IT THAT WOULD GET

BACK TO [] HE WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THROUGH WHAT CHANNEL

[] HAD HEARD FROM THE SOVIETS BUT SAID [] HAD MENTIONED

SOMETHING ABOUT LAWYERS WHO WERE INVOLVED. APPARENTLY, HOWEVER,

[] DID NOT MENTION VOGEL BY NAME.

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